Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 04 May 2024 until 23:59 on Sunday 05 May 2024

Forecast Issued on Friday 03 May 2024 at 15:40 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence for an unsettled few days, but low confidence for exact details. Likely cloudier Saturday and Sunday, sunny spells and showers Monday and Tuesday, more settled Wednesday.

Headline for Saturday 04 May 2024: Extensive cloud with rain or drizzle, some heavier showers at times.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 04 May 2024

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** No Likelihood	**Poor visibility** High Likelihood
Thunderstorms Low Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Cloudy	Fog	Drizzle	Fog	Cloudy	Heavy Rain	Cloudy
Precipitation probability							
10%	20%	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%	10%

Forecast for Saturday 04 May 2024

Weather: Extensive low cloud will push in through the morning, bringing outbreaks of drizzle at times, perhaps a few heavier showery bursts of rain with a low risk of thunder at times. A few clearer spells may break out through the afternoon. Light easterly winds veer westerly.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: Less than 20% rising to 40% in the evening.

Low cloud and visibility: Through the morning cloud will lower to 300m or less and become extensive with very poor visibilities. This may break up somewhat through the afternoon and evening, lifting to around 500-600m. Visibilities falling rapidly to poor in any heavy showers.

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Forecast for Saturday 04 May 2024

Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	16/20 E	15/19 SE	12/17 E	11/15 E	4/7 SE	6/9 W	7/11 W	8/11 SW	7/10 W
900	8/11 NE	8/10 E	8/10 E	8/10 NE	5/8 N	5/8 E	7/10 W	8/11 SW	7/9 SW
600	5/6 N	4/6 NE	4/7 NE	4/6 N	5/8 N	4/7 NE	4/7 NW	4/8 W	4/7 SW
300	4/9 NE	2/5 E	1/4 NE	3/7 NE	5/9 N	4/8 N	3/5 N	2/5 NW	3/7 SW
Glen	2/8 NE	3/8 NE	2/7 N	4/8 N	5/8 NE	4/8 N	3/6 N	2/5 W	2/5 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	7/4	6/3	7/4	7/4	7/6	8/6	7/4	6/3	5/3
900	9/7	9/7	9/7	9/7	10/8	10/9	9/8	8/6	8/6
600	9/8	7/6	8/7	10/9	11/10	11/11	11/10	10/9	10/9
300	9/8	7/7	8/8	11/11	13/12	13/12	12/12	10/10	10/10
Glen	10/9	8/7	9/8	11/11	13/13	14/13	13/13	11/11	10/10
Freezing Level*	2500m	2400m	2400m	2400m	2400m	2400m	2400m	2400m	2300m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Nothing to add

Forecast for Sunday 05 May 2024
Weather: Still quite cloudy in the morning, but this should continue to lift and break through the day. This will allow for some slow-moving heavy showers to break out from late morning, potentially thundery at times, which may bring heavy persistent rain to some areas, before slowly dying out in the evening.

Maximum wind: Light westerlies 10-15mph gusts on the summits.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 50% rising to 80%

Low cloud and visibility: Some areas of cloud down to 500m at first but this will gradually lift and break. Visibilities generally good, but dropping suddenly and markedly in any heavy showers, which in turn may allow low cloud to reform for a time.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 10 Celsius rising to plus 15 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 6 Celsius rising to plus 9 Celsius
Freezing level: Well above the summits.

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